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TUBULAR BODY MEMBERS

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Commissioner:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated July 23, 2008. Applicants request that the Examiner continue examination in view of the claim listing and remarks beginning on pages 2 and 7, respectively.